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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original. first and joint inventor (if plure) names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

PROCESS FOR REGENERATING A USED PRECIOUS METAL CATALYST

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( )	is attached hereto.	(X)	was filed on posember 30,	2000	application No.	09/730,068

- [X] was filed as POT Interestional. Appl. No. PCT/ML99/00183 on June 24, 189 and was summided under PCT Arricle 19 on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_(12 applicable).
- I hereby brace that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as smended by any emendment reserved to above.
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